



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5144***

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL  
AND CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S PLACE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2010*) On or before January 1, 2011, the  
2       Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and  
3       Addiction Services shall, within existing budgetary resources, jointly  
4       report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the  
5       Community Mental Health Strategy Board, established pursuant to  
6       section 17a-485b of the general statutes, and to the joint standing  
7       committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
8       relating to human services, public health and appropriations and the  
9       budgets of state agencies and the select committee of the General  
10      Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on the  
11      feasibility of transferring responsibility for operating Riverview  
12      Hospital for Children and Youth and Connecticut Children's Place  
13      from the Department of Children and Families to the Department of  
14      Mental Health and Addiction Services. Such report shall include, but  
15      not be limited to, a determination of whether such transfer is likely to  
16      (1) improve patient care, (2) create greater efficiency in the operation of  
17      each facility, (3) permit the Department of Children and Families to

18 increase its focus on child protection and welfare, and (4) benefit each  
19 facility by utilizing the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
20 Service's expertise in providing treatment to residents of each facility  
21 who have psychiatric illnesses and disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
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***HS***      *Joint Favorable*